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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether through any of his communications the Municipal Chairman has suggested the lines of investigations to the Government ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The investigations have to be made."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know what the lines are that the Sanitary Engineer proposes ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Whether there will be sufficient water-supply and whether the town can be supplied with good water."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether the Sanitary Engineer proposes to investigate the questions relating to Engineering as such."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The Engineer goes there to investigate the engineering questions as well. "

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether borings are part of the investigations ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" It depends upon what the Engineer finds he has to do."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" Is it not a fact that the hon. Minister said that no borings would be made until he has visited and examined the scheme for himself ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Yes."

Prevalence of cholera in Ernad and Walluvanad taluks.

*1794 Q.—Mr. K. V. SURYANARAYANA AYYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he is aware of the prevalence of cholera on a large scale in the taluks of Ernad and Walluvanad in the district of Malabar ;

(*b*) whether his attention has been drawn to the article in the *Mail*, dated 21st March 1930 about this matter ;

(*c*) how many cases of attacks and of deaths there were in each of the taluks in the said district during this month ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the prevalence of cholera in Ernad is due to the people using the infected water in a river, for drinking purposes ;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that there is periodical recurrence of cholera in the said taluk on account of the people using this river water ;

(*f*) whether any and if so, what steps have been taken to remove the infection and to make arrangements for providing good drinking water to the people of the taluk ;

(*g*) if the answer to clause (*f*) is in the negative whether the Government will make any such arrangements as early as possible ;

(*h*) what steps have the Government taken generally to prevent further infection and to alleviate the suffering of the people in the two taluks ?

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A.—(*a*) Yes, in Ernad taluk. It is not prevalent on a large scale in Walluvanad taluk.

(*b*) The Government have since perused the article.

(*c*) As far as information is available, figures are furnished below :—

	Fortnight ending 15th March 1930.	
	Attacks.	Deaths.
Ernad	119	67
Walluvanad	10	11

(*d*) & (*e*) Apart from what is contained in the article in the *Madras Mail* referred to above, the Government have no information.

(*f*) (*g*) & (*h*) It is primarily the duty of the local boards concerned to preserve public health within their respective jurisdictions and to take the necessary preventive measures. Officers of the Government Public Health and Medical Departments are available to assist them in the discharge of their duties. The Government also make grants to district boards for the provision of drinking water in rural areas.

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" May I know how it happens that in Walluvanad taluk where there were only ten attacks eleven people died ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I wish the hon. Member had read the answer more carefully. The hon. Member need not presume that the attacks began only in the fortnight ending 15th March. During that fortnight, there were ten attacks and eleven deaths. That means there must have been attacks in the previous fortnight. "

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" With reference to answer to (*f*), (*g*) and (*h*) that it is primarily the duty of the local bodies concerned, may I know whether at least secondarily the Government is not liable ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is really cross-examination. "

Registration

Alleged non-payment of pay during transit to ministerial subordinates in the Registration department.

*1795 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that pay is not allowed during transit period to the ministerial subordinates of the Registration department transferred at their request in certain districts ; and

(*b*) if so, under what authority ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information. The attention of the hon. Member is however invited to note 2 to Fundamental Rule 107.